

## 122 - MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TASK FORCE

### Operational Summary

#### Description:

The Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force extensively investigates and vigorously prosecutes violations of the criminal code dealing with auto theft and distribution of stolen vehicles and automotive parts. The Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional Countywide unit that concentrates its activities on rings of professional vehicle thieves operating to steal, strip and/or sell motor vehicles and their parts.

#### At a Glance:

Total FY 2002-2003 Projected Expend + Encumb:	2,179,546
Total Recommended FY 2003-2004 Budget:	4,194,755
Percent of County General Fund:	N/A
Total Employees:	6.00

#### Strategic Goals:

- To prosecute criminal violations involving motor vehicle theft occurring in Orange County in a vigorous, efficient, just and ethical manner.
- To reduce the incidence of motor vehicle theft.

#### Key Outcome Indicators:

Outcome Indicator	2002 Business Plan Results	2003 Business Plan Target	How are we doing?
<b>PERCENTAGE OF FILED CASES RESULTING IN CONVICTIONS</b> <b>What:</b> Measures level of effective, just prosecution <b>Why:</b> Indicates effectiveness of prosecution	On target to meet established FY 01/02 goals.	To meet or exceed 2002 Performance Results	This highly experienced unit has been very successful in building cases against major auto theft rings
<b>NUMBER OF REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS</b> <b>What:</b> Measures ability of achieving goal of reducing motor vehicle theft <b>Why:</b> Indicates service level and responsiveness of the Office	On target to meet established FY 01/02 goals.	To meet or exceed 2002 Performance Results	The Task Force has achieved reductions for eight consecutive years

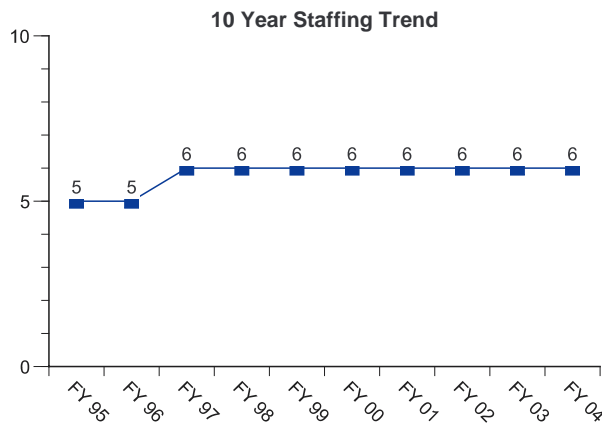
#### Fiscal Year FY 2002-2003 Key Project Accomplishments:

- Continue aggressive efforts to investigate and prosecute major auto theft crime rings and expand its in-house database for improved efficiency and quality of service. Trends in FY 02-03 mirror the levels of FY 01-02 as follows:
- There were 470 investigations and 232 surveillances conducted.
- 40 complaints were filed. 313 vehicles with a value of \$4.5 million were recovered.

**O.C. VEHICLE THEFT TASK FORCE** - As part of the Economic Crimes Unit, a vertical prosecution unit in the Felony Operations II Division of the Office, the Task Force consists of two Deputy District Attorneys, one Investigator, an Accountant/Auditor II and two Attorney Clerk IIs.

As authorized by Section 9250.14 of the Vehicle Code, the receipt of an additional \$1 fee on all registered motor vehicles in Orange County funds a multi-jurisdictional Task Force to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes.

### Ten Year Staffing Trend:



### Ten Year Staffing Trend Highlights:

- Beginning its operation in FY 1992-93, the Task Force continues to efficiently maintain the same staffing level as in FY 1996-97 to handle all motor vehicle theft crimes in Orange County.

## Budget Summary

### Plan for Support of the County's Strategic Priorities:

Motor vehicles are critical to the economic success of Orange County residents. The Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force has a key role in the core business of public safety. This multi-agency task force also supports the County's Strategic Priority of an integrated criminal justice system.

### Changes Included in the Recommended Base Budget:

Allocate \$1,500,000 to the Reserves account.

### Proposed Budget and History:

Sources and Uses	FY 2001-2002 Actual	FY 2002-2003 Budget As of 3/31/03	FY 2002-2003 Projected <sup>(1)</sup> At 6/30/03	FY 2003-2004 Recommended	Change from FY 2002-2003 Projected	
					Amount	Percent
Total Positions	-	6	6	6	0	0.00
Total Revenues	3,621,241	3,990,302	3,962,802	4,194,755	231,953	5.85
Total Requirements	2,096,939	3,990,302	2,179,546	4,194,755	2,015,209	92.46
Balance	1,524,302	0	1,783,255	0	(1,783,255)	-100.00

(1) Requirements include prior year encumbrances and expenditures. Therefore, the above totals may not match FY 2002-2003 projected requirements included in "At a Glance" (Which exclude these).

Detailed budget by expense category and by activity is presented for agency: Motor Vehicle Theft Task Force in the Appendix on page 449.

### Highlights of Key Trends:

- The number of registered motor vehicles in Orange County has been increasing modestly during the last five years resulting in a small increase in the revenues received to fund the Task Force.